

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

DENTAL HYGIENE SYSTEM HANDLE

the specification of which

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is attached hereto.

was filed on _____ as

Application Serial No. _____

and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

09/075,062

8 May 1998

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the following Inventor or inventors (hereinafter called "ASSIGNOR")

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hereby assigns, transfers and sets over to:

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(hereinafter called "ASSIGNEE"), the entire worldwide right, title and interest in and to the invention known as:

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8 May 1998

for which United States Patent was filed on _____, 2001, as a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/075,062 filed 8 May 1998, and all rights and privileges under any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including all rights, if any, throughout the entire world to sue for all past infringements which may have occurred before the execution of this assignment.

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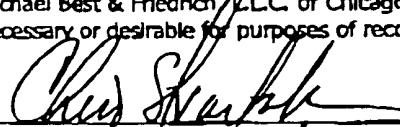
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(4) ASSIGNOR hereby grants to the law firm of Michael Best & Friedrich, L.L.C. of Chicago, Illinois, authority and power to insert on this instrument any further identification which may be necessary or desirable for purposes of recordation in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or a Patent Office of any foreign country.

Date 25 July 2001

Signature of Inventor



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Date 25 July 2001

Signature of Inventor



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Signed before me this _____ day of _____, 2001

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____, 20____

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